# <u>Claims</u>

What is claimed is:

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1. Automated transaction method comprising the steps of: determining a bioinformatic value associated with a user; and transacting with the user according to the bioinformatic value.

### 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value comprises a likelihood or risk of the user having or developing a genetically-based medical or physiological condition, wherein the transaction step comprises providing the user with an insurance policy to cover the occurrence of the genetically-based condition.

## 3. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value comprises a likelihood or risk of the user having or developing a genetically-based mental or emotional condition, wherein the transaction step comprises providing the user with a service contract in contemplation of the occurrence of the genetically-based condition.

#### 4. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value comprises a likelihood or risk of the user having or developing a genetically-based condition, wherein the transaction step comprises

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providing the user with a promotional offer or bid to serve the genetically-based condition.

#### 5. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value comprises a classification of the user according to a userauthorized mask, such mask comprising a subset of a genetic sequence associated with the user.

### 6. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value comprises a likelihood or risk of the user having or developing a genetically-based condition based on a statistical or actuarial table and a genetic or heredity profile associated with the user.

# 7. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value is processed for transaction with the user according to a rule set that is applicable to a plurality of users in a temporal or jurisdictional grouping on a non-discriminatory basis.

8. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
determining an other bioinformatic value associated with the user; and
modifying the transaction with the user according to the other bioinformatic

M<sup>20</sup>

value.

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### 9. The method of Claim 8 wherein:

the other bioinformatic value comprises an increase or decrease of likelihood or risk of the user having or developing the genetically-based condition.

10. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value is determined by a server in a network, and the bioinformatic value is stored confidentially in a database associated with the server, the server transacting remotely with the user through the network to enable a medical service for the user.

#### 11. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value is associated with an other user, and the transaction according to the bioinformatic value occurs separately with both users on a confidential and non-discriminatory basis.

# 12. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

the bioinformatic value is authentically generated by a portable user device, the transaction updating a user account, which is accessible by the user device.

13. Secure network client device comprising:

a memory for storing a genetic term associated with a user; and

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a processor for enabling a network access to the genetic term to provide a secure transaction with the user.

14. The device of Claim 13 wherein:

a predictability value of the user being subject to a genetically-based condition is determinable from the genetic term, a parameter of the transaction being dependent on the predictability value.

15. The device of Claim 13 wherein:

the genetic term comprises a user permit effectively for screening a personal reference sequence.

16. The device of Claim 1/3 wherein:

the genetic term comprises a revised subset of a genetic sequence associated with

the user.

17. The device of Claim 13 wherein:

the processor enabling access to provide transaction with a plurality of network

servers.

18. The device of Claim 17 wherein:

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the processor determines a discrimination indication between a plurality of network transactions.

19. A data structure for bioinformatic transaction comprising:

a user identifier; and

a genetic sequence subset mask,

whereby a user reference sequence is processable securely using the genetic sequence subset mask.

20. The data structure of Claim 19 wherein:

the user identifier and the genetic sequence subset mask are encodable digitally according to a spread spectrum procedure.

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